

# The revquantum package

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## 1 Introduction

The revquantum package provides a number of useful hacks to solve common annoyances with the revtex4-1 package, and to define notation in common use within quantum information. In doing so, revquantum imports and configures a number of commonly-available and used packages, and where reasonable, provides fallbacks.

The revquantum package also warns when users try to load packages which are known to be incompatible with revtex4-1. In particular, loading the following packages will cause warnings:

- subcaption

Yes, this is a short list. It will get longer.

## 2 Usage

**NB:** revquantum must be loaded first unless nobibtexhacks is passed.

### 2.1 Package Options

The revquantum package provides several options to configure its behavior. These can be used in the traditional way, as optional arguments to `\usepackage`. For instance, this document was prepared using `\usepackage [pretty] {revquantum}`.

[final]

Removes support for TODO commands (see below), causing them to escalate from warnings to errors.

[pretty]

Uses the mathpazo package to typeset the document more nicely than the default for revtex4-1 drafts.

[uselistings]

Includes the listings package and configures it for literate and math-escape notation in Python, Mathematica and MATLAB.

[nobibtexhacks]

Prevents revquantum from patching the BibTeX support provided by revtex4-1 to include titles.

[strict]

Causes package incompatibility warnings to become errors.

## 2.2 New Commands

### 2.2.1 TODO Annotations

`\todo`  $\{\langle annotation \rangle\}$

Marks an incompleted task in a different color in the document, and raises a warning in the LaTeX log.

`\TODO` **TODO**

`\todolist`  $\{\langle contents \rangle\}$

Typesets *contents* as a TODO annotation, wrapped in an `\enumerate` environment.

### 2.2.2 Mathematical Notation

This package also provides commands for notation common in quantum information.

`\ii`

`\dd` These commands typeset the imaginary unit  $i$  and differential element  $d$ , respectively, in math roman.

`\defeq`

This command uses `\mathrel` to properly format the colon-equals operator as a relation operator.

`\expect` Typesets the expectation operator  $\mathbb{E}$ .

`\id`

The current implementation of `id` is to call `openone`, provided by `revtex4-1`, and thus not available when used from documentation.

`\llbracket`

`\rrbracket`

Typesets the double-square brackets commonly used to denote stabilizer code properties, as in  $\llbracket n, k, d \rrbracket$ . These commands are provided by `\stmaryrd`, and are given a reasonable fallback if that package is not available.

### 2.2.3 Affiliation Database

The `revquantum` package provides commands for quickly typesetting affiliations, with an eye towards reducing copy-paste errors when authors have a nontrivial set of shared affiliations.

`\newaffil`  $\{\langle shorthand \rangle\} \{\langle description \rangle\}$

The workhorse of the affiliation database is the `\newaffil` command, which defines a new command that expands to call the `revtex4-1 \affiliation` command. For instance, `\newaffil{UFooBar}{Bar, UFoo}` defines a new command `\affilUFooBar` that expands to `\affiliation{Bar, UFoo}`.

So far, the following affiliation commands are provided:

|                             |                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>\affilTODO</code>     | Special, marks that an affiliation is not provided.                   |
| <code>\affilEQuSUSyd</code> | Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems, University of Sydney.          |
| <code>\affilEQuSMacq</code> | Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems, Macquarie University.          |
| <code>\affilUSydPhys</code> | School of Physics, University of Sydney.                              |
| <code>\affilIQC</code>      | Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo.              |
| <code>\affilUWPhys</code>   | Department of Physics, University of Waterloo.                        |
| <code>\affilUWAMath</code>  | Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Waterloo.            |
| <code>\affilUWChem</code>   | Department of Chemistry, University of Waterloo.                      |
| <code>\affilPI</code>       | Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.                          |
| <code>\affilCIFAR</code>    | Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.                             |
| <code>\affilCQuIC</code>    | Center for Quantum Information and Control, University of New Mexico. |
| <code>\affilIBMTJW</code>   | IBM T. J. Watson Research Center.                                     |

## 2.2.4 Internal-Use Commands

`\booloption`  
`\newnew`

These commands are used internally by `revquantum` to define new boolean package options, and to declare new kinds of `\newcommand` commands. For example, `\newnew` is used to define `\newoperator`, which in turn defines new commands for named mathematical operators (e.g.  $\text{Tr}$ ).

`\sectionautorefname`  
`\algorithmautorefname`  
`\equationautorefname`  
`\lemmaautorefname`  
`\boolean@xetex`

These commands configure `hyperref`'s `autorefname` command for use with `revtex4-1`, so that `autorefname` correctly describes Section, Algorithm, and Lemma, and also follows the standard notation for equation references.

This boolean variable uses `iftex` to check if XeTeX is installed. If `iftex` is not available, then we assume plain LaTeX.

## 2.3 New Colors

The `revquantum` package also provides a color palette that is safe for colorblind readers and for printing, the [Color Universal Design](#) palette of Okabe and Ito.

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>cud-black</code>          | ● |
| <code>cud-orange</code>         | ● |
| <code>cud-sky-blue</code>       | ● |
| <code>cud-bluish-green</code>   | ● |
| <code>cud-yellow</code>         | ● |
| <code>cud-blue</code>           | ● |
| <code>cud-vermillion</code>     | ● |
| <code>cud-reddish-purple</code> | ● |

These colors are defined as xcolor color names, such that they can be used in all packages which depend on xcolor. In particular, CUD colors can be directly used from tikz. To use with tikz, however, revquantum must be loaded *after* tikz.

### 3 Implementation

```
1
2 \usepackage{ifthen}
3
```

#### 3.1 XeTeX Detection

We make a new boolean variable to track if XeTeX is being used.

```
4
5 \newboolean{@xetex}
6 \setboolean{@xetex}{false}
7 \IfFileExists{iftex.sty}{
8   \wlog{[INFO] iftex loaded}
9   \usepackage{iftex}
10}{
11   \newif\ifXeTeX
12   \XeTeXfalse
13}
14 \ifXeTeX
15   \wlog{[INFO] Using XeTeX}
16   \setboolean{@xetex}{true}
17 \else
18   \setboolean{@xetex}{false}
19 \fi
20
```

#### 3.2 Notation

```
\newnew
21 \newcommand{\newnew}[2]{
22   \expandafter\newcommand\csname new#1\endcsname[1]{
23     \expandafter\newcommand\csname ##1\endcsname{#2{##1}}
24   }
25 }

26 \newnew{operator}{\operatorname}
27 \newnew{rm}{\mathrm}
28
29 \newoperator{Tr}
30 \newoperator{Cov}
31 \newoperator{supp}
32 \newoperator{diag}
33 \newoperator{rank}
34
```

```

\ii
35 \newcommand{\ii}{\mathrm{i}} % Outside what newnew currently supports.

\dd
36 \newcommand{\dd}{\mathrm{d}} % Outside what newnew currently supports.

37
38 \newrm{e}
39 \newrm{TVD}
40 \newrm{T}
41

\defeq
42 \newcommand{\defeq}{\mathrel{:=}}

\expect
43 \newcommand{\expect}{\mathbb{E}}

\id
44 \newcommand{\id}{\openone}

45

    We want to only conditionally use {stmaryrd} if it's available, and otherwise,
    hack up a few commands from that package.

46   \IfFileExists{stmaryrd.sty}{
47     \RequirePackage{stmaryrd}
48   }{
49     \PackageWarning{revquantum}{
50       The stmaryrd package is not available,
51       so some commands (e.g.: double-brackets) will look wrong.
52     }
53     \newcommand{\llbracket}{[!\!\!\hspace{1.5pt}[}
54     \newcommand{\rrbracket}{]!\!\!\hspace{1.5pt}]}}
55   }

```

### 3.3 Options Handling

We will need to define a few options to make the package nicer to use. We do so by making a new command, `\booloption {<boolname>} {<optionname>} {<default>}`.

```

\booloption
56 \newcommand{\booloption}[3]{
57   \newboolean{#1}
58   \setboolean{#1}{#3}
59   \ifthenelse{\equal{#3}{true}}{

```

Default is true, so we need a “no” option to turn off the new boolean.

```
60     \DeclareOption{no#2}{\setboolean{#1}{false}}
61   }
```

Default is false, so we need an option to turn on the new boolean.

```
62     \DeclareOption{#2}{\setboolean{#1}{true}}
63   }
64 }
```

We then use this new command to define the options for `revquantum`, `final`, `pretty`, `uselistings`, `nobibtexhacks`, and `strict`.

```
65
66 \booloption{@final}{final}{false}
67 \booloption{@pretty}{pretty}{false}
68 \booloption{@uselistings}{uselistings}{false}
69 \booloption{@bibtexhacks}{bibtexhacks}{true}
70 \booloption{@strict}{strict}{false}
71
72 \ProcessOptions\relax
73
```

For the `strict` option, we do one last thing and define a new macro that either raises a warning or an option depending on whether `strict` has been set as an option.

`\rq@quasiwarn`

```
74 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@strict}}{
75   \newcommand{\rq@quasiwarn}{
76     \PackageError{revquantum}
77   }
78 }{
79   \newcommand{\rq@quasiwarn}{
80     \PackageWarning{revquantum}
81   }
82 }
```

### 3.4 Unforgivable BibTeX Hacks

These hacks include the title of each reference in the BibTeX output by redefining the part of `revtex4-1` on the fly which is responsible for writing out the bibdata. Note that these hacks *must* come before importing packages, or else `revtex4-1` will have already written out its control notes.

```
83
84 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@bibtexhacks}}{\def\@bibdataout@aps{%
85 \immediate\write\@bibdataout{%
86 @CONTROL{%
87   apsrev41Control,author="08",editor="1",pages="0",title="0",year="1",eprint="1"%
88 }%
89 }%
```

```

90 \if@filesw
91 \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\citation{apsrev41Control}}%
92 \fi
93 }}{}
94

```

### 3.5 Imports

Here, we import a few other useful packages and configure them according to the options passed by the user. In handling the fonts specified by [pretty], we must be careful to do so in a way that is supported by XeTeX. Note that we only load color if neither tikz nor xcolor have already been imported, and if we are not using listings. In the latter case, we will load xcolor instead so that we can make listings play nicer with our own custom palette. Also of note is that we do not import hyperref yet, as it must go last to avoid duplicating reference names.

```

95
96 \RequirePackage{amsmath}
97 \RequirePackage{amsfonts}
98 \RequirePackage{amsthm}
99 \RequirePackage{amssymb}
100 \RequirePackage{amsbsy}
101 \@ifpackageloaded{tikz}{}{%
102   \@ifpackageloaded{xcolor}{}{%
103     \ifthenelse{\boolean{@uselistings}}{}{%
104       \RequirePackage[usenames,dvipsnames]{color}%
105     }%
106   }%
107   \AtBeginDocument{%
108     \@ifpackageloaded{tikz}{%
109       \rq@quasiwarn{tikz loaded, but after revquantum. This may not work.}%
110     }%
111   }%
112 }
113 \RequirePackage{braket}
114 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
115 \RequirePackage[english]{babel}
116 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@pretty}}{
117   \ifthenelse{\boolean{@xetex}}{
118     % http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/50593
119     \usepackage{fontspec}
120     \usepackage{mathpazo}
121     \setmainfont
122     [ BoldFont      = texgyrepagella-bold.otf ,
123       ItalicFont    = texgyrepagella-italic.otf ,
124       BoldItalicFont = texgyrepagella-bolditalic.otf ]
125     {texgyrepagella-regular.otf}
126   }{
127     \RequirePackage{mathpazo}

```

```

128   }
129 }{}
130 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@uselistings}}{
131   \RequirePackage{xcolor}
132   \RequirePackage{listings}
133   \RequirePackage{textcomp} % Make sure we have a ‘ for writing Mathematica.
134 }{}
135 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@bibtexhacks}}{
136   \RequirePackage{letltxmacro}
137 }{}

```

### 3.5.1 Theorem Environments

```

138
139 \newtheorem{theorem}{Theorem}
140 \newtheorem{lemma}{Lemma}
141

```

### 3.5.2 algorithm and algpseudocode Setup

```

142
143 \RequirePackage{algorithm}
144 \RequirePackage{algpseudocode}
145   \renewcommand{\algorithmicrequire}{\textbf{Input:}}
146   \renewcommand{\algorithmicensure}{\textbf{Output:}}
147   \newcommand{\inlinecomment}[1]{\Comment {\footnotesize #1} \normalsize}
148   \newcommand{\linecomment}[1]{\State {\(\triangleright\)} {\footnotesize #1} \normalsize}
149

```

### 3.5.3 listings Setup

Here, we provide special support for scientific languages like Python and Mathematica, as well as for legacy environments. This support consists of configuring escapes, quoting, providing additional keywords, etc.

```

150
151 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@uselistings}}{
152   \definecolor{comment-color}{gray}{0.5}
153
154   \lstset{
155     basicstyle=\footnotesize,
156     commentstyle=\color{comment-color},
157     frame=lines,
158     gobble=4,
159     numbers=left,
160     numberstyle=\tiny, stepnumber=5,
161     numbersep=5pt,
162     keywordstyle=\color{cud-bluish-green!85!black}\bfseries,
163     keywordstyle={ [2] \color{cud-sky-blue!75!black}},
164     emphstyle=\color{cud-vermillion}
165   }
166

```

```

167 \iffalse{\boolean{@xetex}}{
168   \RequirePackage{sourcecodepro}
169   \lstset{basicstyle=\footnotesize\sourcecodepro}
170 }{}
171
172 \lstdefinestyle{matlab}{
173   language=MATLAB,
174   mathescape=true
175 }
176
177 \lstdefinestyle{python}{
178   language=Python,
179   mathescape=true,
180   showstringspaces=false,
181   morekeywords={as,async,await}
182 }
183
184 \lstdefinestyle{mathematica}{
185   language=Mathematica,
186   upquote=true, % Needed to deal with the context symbol ‘.’
187   literate=
188     {->}{$\to$}1
189     {!=}{$\neq$}1
190     {\[DoubleStruckOne]}{${\id}$}1
191     {\[Sigma]}{${\sigma}$}1
192     {(x)}{${\otimes}$}1 % CG: I have the distinct impression this will break. Badly.
193 }
194 }{}
195

```

### 3.6 Import Warnings

The following command will cause a warning to be emitted if the package named by its argument is loaded. To make robust against the order in which packages are loaded, all such logic happens at `\begin{document}`. This code is adapted from the solution provided by Martin Scharrer at <http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/16200/615>.

`\rq@warnpackage`

```

196 \newcommand{\rq@warnpackage}[1]{
197   \AtBeginDocument{%
198     \@ifpackageloaded{#1}{%
199       \rq@quasiwarn{The #1 package is known to be incompatible with revtex4-1. You may en
200     }{}
201   }
202 }

```

With this command in place, we can now issue specific warnings for individual “bad” packages.

```
203 \rq@warnpackage{subcaption}
```

### 3.7 Slightly More Forgivable BibTeX Hacks

Next, we include [a solution suggested by egreg](#) for a rather annoying `{revtex4-1}` bug. In particular, we will set up `language={en}` as an alias for `language={english}`, so that `{revtex4-1}` will no longer raise `{babel}` errors for the undefined language.

```
\ORIGselectlanguage
204
205 \LetLtxMacro{\ORIGselectlanguage}{\selectlanguage}
206 \DeclareRobustCommand{\selectlanguage}[1]{%
207   \ifundefined{alias@string#1}
208     {\ORIGselectlanguage{#1}}
209     {\begingroup\edef\x{\endgroup
210       \noexpand\ORIGselectlanguage{\@nameuse{alias@#1}}}\x}%
211 }
212
```

```
\definelanguagealias
213
214 \newcommand{\definelanguagealias}[2]{%
215   \@namedef{alias@#1}{#2}%
216 }
217
218
219 \definelanguagealias{en}{english}
220 \definelanguagealias{EN}{english}
221 \definelanguagealias{English}{english}
222
```

### 3.8 TODO Support

These commands provide a way of marking items as needing to be done before the final version (denoted by the `final` package option).

```
\todo
223
224 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@final}}{
225   \newcommand{\todo}[1]{%
226     \PackageError{revquantum}{Unaddressed TODO}%
227     \rq@todo{#1}%
228   }
229 }{
230   \newcommand{\todo}[1]{%
231     \PackageWarning{revquantum}{Unaddressed TODO}%
```

```

232     \rq@todo{#1}%
233   }
234 }
235

```

We also define a `\citeneed` command for the special case of a missing citation. As per Steve Flammia's suggestion, this is formatted in analogy to the infamous Wikipedia annotation.

```

\citeneed
236 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@final}}{
237   \newcommand{\citeneed}{%
238     \PackageError{revquantum}{citation needed}%
239     \rq@todo{[citation needed]}%
240   }
241 }{
242   \newcommand{\citeneed}{%
243     \PackageWarning{revquantum}{citation needed}%
244     \rq@todo{[citation needed]}%
245   }
246 }

```

Both of these macros are based on the `\rq@todo` macro, which performs the formatting for TODOs.

```

\rq@todo
247 \newcommand{\rq@todo}[1]{%
248   {\color{magenta} #1}%
249 }

```

We also provide a few other special cases below.

```

\TODO
250 \newcommand{\TODO}{\todo{TODO}}

\todolist
251 \newcommand{\todolist}[1]{\todo{
252   \begin{itemize}
253     #1
254   \end{itemize}
255 }}
256

```

### 3.9 Color Universal Design

```

257 \definecolor{cud-black}      {RGB}{0,0,0}
258 \definecolor{cud-orange}     {RGB}{230,159,0}
259 \definecolor{cud-sky-blue}   {RGB}{86,180,233}
260 \definecolor{cud-bluish-green}{RGB}{0,158,115}

```

```

261 \definecolor{cud-yellow}      {RGB}{240,228,66}
262 \definecolor{cud-blue}        {RGB}{0,114,178}
263 \definecolor{cud-vermillion}  {RGB}{213,94,0}
264 \definecolor{cud-reddish-purple}{RGB}{204,121,167}

```

### 3.10 Affiliation Database

`\newaffil`

```

265 \newcommand{\newaffil}[2]{
266     \expandafter\newcommand\csname affil#1\endcsname{
267         \affiliation{
268             #2
269         }
270     }
271 }

```

#### 3.10.1 General Affiliations

```

272
273 \newaffil{TODO}{\TODO}
274

```

#### 3.10.2 Australia

```

275
276 \newaffil{EQuSUSyd}{
277     Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems,
278     University of Sydney,
279     Sydney, NSW, Australia
280 }
281 \newaffil{EQuSMacq}{
282     Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems,
283     Macquarie University,
284     Sydney, NSW, Australia
285 }
286 \newaffil{USydPhys}{
287     School of Physics,
288     University of Sydney,
289     Sydney, NSW, Australia
290 }
291

```

#### 3.10.3 Canada

```

292
293 \newaffil{IQC}{
294     Institute for Quantum Computing,
295     University of Waterloo,
296     Waterloo, ON, Canada
297 }
298 \newaffil{UWPhys}{
299     Department of Physics,

```

```

300 University of Waterloo,
301 Waterloo, ON, Canada
302 }
303 \newaffil{UWAMath}{
304 Department of Applied Mathematics,
305 University of Waterloo,
306 Waterloo, ON, Canada
307 }
308 \newaffil{UWChem}{
309 Department of Chemistry,
310 University of Waterloo,
311 Waterloo, ON, Canada
312 }
313 \newaffil{PI}{
314 Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics,
315 31 Caroline St. N,
316 Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 2Y5
317 }
318 \newaffil{CIFAR}{
319 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research,
320 Toronto, ON, Canada
321 }
322

```

### 3.10.4 United States

```

323
324 \newaffil{CQuIC}{
325 Center for Quantum Information and Control,
326 University of New Mexico,
327 Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001, USA
328 }
329 \newaffil{IBMTJW}{
330 IBM T. J. Watson Research Center,
331 Yorktown Heights, New York 10598, USA
332 }
333
334

```

## 3.11 hyperref Setup

Finally, we load hyperref separately so that it can go last.

Get rid of hyperref's ugly boxes. From:<http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/51349>

```

335
336 \RequirePackage[breaklinks=true]{hyperref}
337
338 \hypersetup{
339 colorlinks = true, %Colours links instead of ugly boxes
340 urlcolor = blue, %Colour for external hyperlinks
341 linkcolor = blue, %Colour of internal links
342 citecolor = red %Colour of citations

```

```
343 }
344
```

### 3.11.1 autoref Setup

We must declare our autoref configuration at the beginning of the document to keep other packages from clobbering it.

```
\sectionautorefname
```

```
345 \AtBeginDocument{%
346   \def\sectionautorefname{Section}%
347 }
```

```
\algorithmautorefname
```

```
348 \AtBeginDocument{%
349   \def\algorithmautorefname{Algorithm}%
350 }
```

```
\equationautorefname See http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/66150.
```

```
351 \AtBeginDocument{%
352   \def\equationautorefname~#1\null{(#1)\null}%
353 }
```

```
\lemmaautorefname
```

```
354 \AtBeginDocument{%
355   \newcommand{\lemmaautorefname}{Lemma}%
356 }
```